

REMARKS

Claims 17-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 20 are amended and claims 21-27 are added. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications based upon the withdrawn canceled claims 1-16. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §112

A. First Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 17, as amended traverses this rejection. Specifically claim 17 is amended to more clearly define the light-emitting areas and non light-emitting areas.

It is respectfully submitted that since claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 17, that these claims are allowable at least for the reasons stated regarding claim 17.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17-19 is respectfully requested.

B. Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action states that claim 20 recites the limitation "the ... non light-emitting area" in line 7 lacks sufficient antecedent basis.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 20 as amended provides proper antecedent basis for the term, "non light-emitting area."

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

II. New Claims

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 21-27 define allowable subject matter since claims 21-27 depend from claims 17 and 20. Entry of claims 21-27 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 17-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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